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## Fostering Love 2020

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.” Psalms 107:1

What a blessing to be a part of all that God is doing at PS I Love You Ministries.

This season has been difficult for us all, but we have so much to be thankful for.

I would like to say “Thank You” to all of our partners, supporters, donors, and prayer warriors who have made it possible for us to bless the foster children and families in 2020.

The closet through November has blessed 635 children with a variety of over 15,000 items. We could not do this without the love and support of our community and donors.

God is good and continues to provide for all our needs! I count it a privilege to do what I do for children in foster care!

Blessings to each of you,

**Kay Kirby**

Executive Director



**Spartanburg County is our primary county that we serve. Over the past twelve months, we have served 625 children from the following fifteen counties in the Upstate: Greenville, Marion, Cherokee, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Greenwood, Abbeville, Laurens, Marion, Union, York, Lexington, Richland, and Spartanburg.**



PS I Love You Ministries is a beautiful example of God providing for His children. My husband and I received our first foster placement of two kids in March. I was able to go to P.S. I Love You a of couple months after and I was overwhelmed by the love and compassion I encountered there. Not only were we blessed with toiletries, toys, and clothes for our children, but we were asked “how are you doing with this change?” and “how are your kids acclimating?” They understood and they cared about how we were doing. Being a new foster parent is isolating and stressful and is often just downright hard. P.S I Love You lightened our load in many ways. We are beyond grateful for them and our children have been blessed by Gods work through them.

-Abby Odem  
Foster Parent

# BIRTHDAY CLUB

Imagine being a child and having a birthday that is just like any other day: no cake, no candles, no balloons, no presents. This too often is how a foster child experiences his or her birthday. On the average, a foster child experiences three to four moves during the course of his or her stay in the foster care system.

At PS I Love You Ministries we encourage normalcy in the lives of foster children by ensuring that children do not miss out on recognizing one of the most important days of their year – their own birthday. The Birthday Club provides a gift certificate from Imagination Station and a birthday bag that includes cake mix, frosting, balloons, plates, napkins and candles.

The Birthday Club strives to ensure that those foster children who might otherwise not be recognized on their special day have the chance to celebrate!



**There are over 4,500 children in foster care in the state of South Carolina, and over 300 children in care in the Upstate.**



THIS YEAR WE HAD TO HOST CHRISTMAS DIFFERENTLY AND OUR SUPPORTERS STEPPED UP! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED TOYS, PROVIDED FUNDING, AND HELPED MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS ONE TO REMEMBER!



**THE MINISTRY RECEIVED A GRANT FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPARTANBURG TO PURCHASE A SENSORY WALL (IN OUR WAITING ROOM), WEIGHTED BLANKETS, AND SENSORY TOYS FOR FOSTER PARENTS TO CHECKOUT.**

## SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Children are removed from their homes for physical abuse, drug abuse, neglect, and often come into foster care with only the clothes on their back. These children struggle with emotional needs and physical needs.

We are meeting the basic necessities for foster children by providing clothing, shoes, diapers, beds, car seats, hygiene items and meals for foster families who are stepping up to care for at-risk children in their homes.

PS I Love You hosts multiple events throughout the year to support as many children as possible. Some children may only be in Spartanburg County for a few days or months until they are transferred to another part of the state.

**Our mission is to spread God's love to as many children as we can.** We can't change why kids come into care, but we can change how they feel once there! Thank you Spartanburg for making this possible for so many precious children!

I am a school nurse in Spartanburg County. One of our kids was taken into foster care last week. Her foster parents brought her back to school today. She had been absent for about a week or so. I had to cover her class this morning and when she saw me, she stood up and gave me a hug. She said did you know that I have foster parents?? They are so nice! I said that's so awesome! She told me that she went to this place called PS I Love You and they gave her a bookbag. She was so proud of her bookbag! She said "they even gave me a Bible! I've never had one before." She was so proud of it! She had brought it to school and showed me where she had her page marked! She has been reading it since she got it! It was the most precious thing!!! She was so excited and I just had to share!!!

**Thankful for you and PS I Love You Ministries!!!!!!**

## Walk A Mile In Their Shoes Virtual 5K

**2020**

Thank you for a great fundraiser!! We have so many amazing supporters!

